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From: Commanding Officer, Naval Weapons Station Earle
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Subj: RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING

1. In coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the Navy is holding a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting to present and discuss remediation alternatives and to solicit public input on the Proposed Plans. The meeting will be held:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2003 at 7:00 PM
Colts Neck Library Building
Main Meeting Room
1 Winthrop Drive (near Town Hall), off Cedar Avenue
Colts Neck, New Jersey.

The United States Navy invites you to discuss remedial alternatives for Sites 1 (Former Ordnance Demilitarization Site) and 11 (Former Contract Ordnance Disposal Area), together designated Operable Unit 8 (OU 8) at NWS Earle. The Navy has completed Remedial Investigations and Feasibility Studies for the two sites and has issued a Proposed Plan, which outlines recommended remedial actions.

The Preferred Alternative for Site 1 consists of land use restrictions and periodic groundwater monitoring by the Navy. Groundwater extraction would be prohibited in the immediate vicinity of the site until New Jersey groundwater quality guidelines are achieved. The Preferred Alternative for Site 11 consists of no further action because of the very low level of potential threats to human health or the environment from the site.

No significant immediate risk to human health or ecological receptors has been found at either site, but the proposed remedy for Site 1 will minimize the potential of any future impact and monitor groundwater quality until New Jersey Groundwater Quality Standards are achieved.

Public comments are encouraged at the public meeting and written comments are also welcome. All significant comments and questions will be addressed in a Record of Decision, which will be issued to document the selected remedy. Written comments should be postmarked no later than December 22, 2003 and addressed to:

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